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Applicant: Greg Firth

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For: Extraction and Utilisation of VNTR

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, this paper is filed in response to the Official Final Action mailed September 24, 2003 in the above-identified application. Since January 24, 2004 fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed as a petition for a one-month extension of time extending the time for response to January 26, 2004 is filed herewith.

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